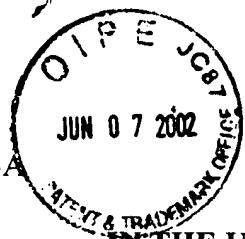


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 5, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claims 17 and 18 without prejudice.

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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are responsive to the December 5, 2001, Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Response to the Restriction Requirement

Applicants affirm the election of Group I, Claims 1-16 and 19-33, made on November 29, 2001. This election is made without traverse.